## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA DOCKET NO. 2019-182-E

In the Matter of: South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (H.3659) Proceeding Initiated Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-40-20(C): Generic Docket to (1) Investigate and Determine the Costs and Benefits of the Current Net Energy Metering Program and (2) Establish a Methodology for Calculating the Value of the Energy Produced by Customer-Generators

Petition to Intervene of the Solar Energy Industries Association

Pursuant to Rule 103-825 of the rules and regulations of the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission"), the Solar Energy Industries Association ("SEIA") hereby respectfully petitions to intervene in the above-captioned generic docket. In support of this petition, SEIA states as follows:

- 1. SEIA is the national trade association of the U.S. solar energy industry, which now employs more than 260,000 Americans. SEIA represents organizations that promote, manufacture, install and support the development of solar energy.
- 2. SEIA works with its 1,000 member companies to build jobs and diversity, champion the use of cost-competitive solar in America, remove market barriers and educate the public on the benefits of solar energy.
- 3. Since 1974, SEIA has been a driving force behind solar energy and building a strong solar industry to power America consistent with its mission to work towards a transformed energy supply and delivery system, such that solar electric and thermal technologies, in collaboration with other clean, reliable, affordable renewable resources and storage, fuel this country's economy.

- 4. SEIA's membership includes many national solar companies that own and operate projects in South Carolina who have local employees as well as companies that list a specific operating address in South Carolina.
- 5. SEIA's members, including our members in South Carolina, are engaged in manufacturing solar photovoltaic equipment, developing solar photovoltaic projects, providing solar energy equipment, services and expertise to retail, commercial and industrial customers.
- 6. SEIA's member companies develop, construct, own, operate, finance, and otherwise service solar generating facilities across the state.
- 7. SEIA members are planning to develop, construct, own, operate, and otherwise service future solar projects in South Carolina, the success of which would rely on the result of this proceeding.
- 8. Consistent with its mission, SEIA engages in advocacy and education to foster solar development by expanding markets, removing market barriers, and educating the public on the benefits of solar energy. SEIA actively participates in state public utility commission proceedings, testifies before state legislative bodies, and hosts seminars and events on solar policy issues.
- SEIA's principal place of business 1425 K St NW, Suite 1000, Washington, D.C. 20005.
- 10. Pursuant to Rule R.103-804(5) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, SEIA is represented in this proceeding by counsel who is duly licensed to practice law in the State of South Carolina: and requests that undersigned counsel be added to the official service list:

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11. SEIA consents to service via electronic mail and requests that all communications regarding this docket be directed to SEIA's counsel of record, with copies to:

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12. SEIA has been active in using its experience and perspective to help to shape energy policy in South Carolina. For instance, SEIA was directly involved in the legislative process that resulted in Act 62, "The Energy Freedom Act," which has prompted this proceeding.

13. SEIA Will Be Substantially and Specifically Affected by the result of this proceeding.

14. No other party will adequately represent SEIA's interest in this case.

Respectfully Submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that all persons on the docket service list have been served true and accurate copies of the foregoing Petition to Intervene by hand delivery, first class mail deposited in the U.S. mail, postage pre-paid, or by email transmission with the party's consent.

This the **26th** day of August, 2020.

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